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REMARKS

Amendments

Specification has been amended to identify the dependency of the application and to remove hyperlinks. SEQ ID NOs:23 through 35 have also been added to identify each sequence in the application, including those in the figures and the claims, with a SEQ ID NO. An updated sequence listing is provided herewith.

Claims 1,2,5,6,8-10, and14-28 were cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended to include SEQ ID NOs for the sequences. Support for the amended claim 4 is found on page 17. Claims 3, 7, 11, and 13 were amended to correct the dependency of the claims and to more particularly point out the claimed invention.

Accompanying this preliminary amendment is also a copy of the figures.

The amendments to the specification or to the claims do not introduce new matter.

No fees are believed to be due for the submission of this amendment. If any fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to deposit account no. 50-1108.

Respectfully submitted,

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